

DATE: January 21, 2005

FROM: Sandra Resnick, Ph.D.

RE: First Quarterly Report FY 2005; DCHV Program

TO: Domiciliary Chiefs (or designated staff)

1. Enclosed are the results of the monitoring data (Form Z) for your site and the entire DCHV Program. The data includes information on those veterans who were discharged during Fiscal Year 2005 (October 1, 2004 through mail we received as of the end of December 2004).

2. Thanks to all of you who have been sending your monitoring forms in to us regularly, helping to keep our data current. As you know, VHA Headquarters uses the DCHV monitoring data for the VISN Directors performance measures. NEPEC downloads social security numbers, on a quarterly basis, where it is merged with the Austin outpatient and inpatient PTF databases to evaluate whether veterans are receiving VA outpatient health care services within 30 days of being discharged from the DCHV program.

3. As always, we hope that you share this information with your staff and interested VA personnel. Please call or e-mail Sandy Resnick (203-932-5711, x5106) or Sharon Medak (203-932-5711, x4313) if you have any questions.

**DCHV PROGRAM MONITORING**  
**January-05**  
**DISCHARGES BY FISCAL YEAR**

SITE	FY89	FY90	FY91	FY92	FY93	FY94	FY95	FY96	FY97	FY98	FY99	FY00	FY01	FY02	FY03	FY04	OCT 2004	NOV 2004	DEC 2004	TOTAL FY89-FY05
ANCHORAGE 463					11	46	46	82	102	141	30	114	142	117	99	75	5	8	0	1,018
AMER LAKE 505	100	135	146	150	176	192	132	141	138	136	117	66	57	60	64	68	7	1	0	1,886
BAY PINES 516	3	67	61	40	67	68	50	29	53	61	85	64	79	63	64	44	7	7	0	912
BEDFORD 518		31	98	93	107	95	104	105	121	135	124	99	125	130	142	139	8	3	5	1,664
BILOXI 520	74	133	130	127	140	100	79	88	150	232	246	221	167	170	190	193	11	10	0	2,461
BROCKTON 525						73	153	148	164	156	149	150	133	134	130	130	0	0	0	1,390
BROOKLYN 527	16	78	90	84	103	108	93	89	115	135	183	167	171	176	192	179	0	0	0	1,979
BUTLER 529		19	79	64	82	70	76	81	82	103	106	115	103	102	103	72	0	0	0	1,257
CANANDAIGUA 532					10	132	116	159	173	288	256	168	24	22	18	39	3	4	0	1,412
CINCINNATI 539		2	49	104	109	105	113	109	114	155	153	149	150	195	211	180	0	0	0	1,898
CLEVELAND 541	29	148	154	134	123	163	218	240	282	323	306	332	321	298	338	356	26	0	0	3,791
COATESVILLE 542	94	183	155	173	129	158	149	157	152	153	220	273	364	358	342	376	51	28	0	3,515
DALLAS 549		40	100	125	99	93	94	103	118	129	123	129	133	108	105	103	0	0	0	1,602
DAYTON 552	63	94	96	80	55	44	42	58	69	62	50	55	55	69	67	93	0	0	0	1,052
DES MOINES 555					49	56	54	49	58	59	75	81	77	90	88	74	0	1	0	811
N CHICAGO 556	57	131	151	161	169	153	169	181	209	185	160	165	147	151	148	148	11	7	0	2,503
DUBLIN 557					1	50	44	63	79	90	73	82	103	101	93	92	3	9	1	884
HOT SPRINGS 579	40	92	74	117	111	111	103	108	131	99	101	119	115	93	114	102	5	17	0	1,652
HAMPTON 590	29	52	60	71	109	116	98	98	73	67	57	58	72	70	56	43	0	0	0	1,129
LITTLE ROCK 598	97	156	173	148	179	209	184	197	193	172	187	155	187	179	168	173	7	12	3	2,779
LYONS 604	65	106	130	127	119	153	146	253	281	275	261	279	281	254	244	212	19	5	0	3,210
MARTINSBURG 613		27	50	50	60	57	93	138	151	213	192	152	194	201	213	230	15	19	0	2,055
MONTROSE 620	152	214	115	107	109	67	144	185	296	303	237	224	236	216	175	159	0	0	0	2,939
MT HOME 621	150	170	152	103	80	65	90	54	110	88	123	117	94	92	71	83	9	0	0	1,651
PALO ALTO 640	8	161	177	209	168	162	201	171	149	209	198	199	218	204	222	194	13	15	0	2,878
PERRY POINT 641								47	77	131	118	106	174	202	198	207	0	0	0	1,260
PITTSBURGH 645						58	108	122	202	230	194	180	144	163	155	164	11	1	0	1,732
PORTLAND 648	58	107	93	72	102	103	65	118	123	119	175	167	193	49	0	0	0	0	0	1,544
PRESCOTT 649		23	105	101	108	187	185	103	128	106	238	224	195	157	183	286	17	6	0	2,352
ST. LOUIS 657							1	124	160	162	139	121	122	131	118	111	10	0	0	1,199
TUSKEGEE 680								7	89	136	185	124	107	127	97	110	0	0	0	982
LEAVENWTH 686	74	70	89	65	63	47	58	56	60	348	423	398	355	350	369	415	32	45	0	3,317
WEST LA 691	28	89	108	131	129	142	148	164	219	198	198	210	211	209	220	254	23	32	0	2,713
WHITE CITY 692	76	170	161	103	135	90	95	109	109	68	0	155	159	48	51	46	0	0	0	1,575
MILWAUKEE 695	52	87	90	72	95	71	76	63	68	65	79	98	134	72	108	100	6	7	5	1,348
ALL SITES	1,265	2,585	2,886	2,811	2,997	3,271	3,447	4,004	4,782	5,540	5,568	5,515	5,559	5,160	5,160	5,250	299	237	14	66,350

## DCHV DATA SUMMARY FOR FY05

Jan-05

(n=550)

ADMISSION CHARACTERISTICS	
SOCIODEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS	
Age (years)	
Mean	47.6
S.D.	8.3
Gender	
Males	96.2%
Females	3.8%
Ethnicity	
White	49.0%
African American	43.7%
Hispanic	5.1%
Other	2.2%
Marital status	
Married	7.7%
Separated, widowed or divorced	63.8%
Never married	28.6%
Public financial support	
SC psychiatric	5.3%
SC other	12.0%
NSC pension	4.5%
Non-VA disability	8.2%
Other public support	6.0%
Mode of program contact	
Outreach initiated by VA staff	17.9%
Referred by non-VA homeless program	2.4%
Referred by VAMC inpatient program	36.3%
Referred by VAMC outpatient program/Vet Center	14.3%
Self-referred	24.2%
Referred by VA HCMI program	2.0%
Other	2.8%

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### **ADMISSION CHARACTERISTICS**

#### **MILITARY HISTORY**

<b>Service Era</b>	
WWII Era	<b>0.0%</b>
Between WWII and Korean Eras	<b>0.0%</b>
Korean Era	<b>0.7%</b>
Between Korean and Vietnam Eras	<b>1.1%</b>
Vietnam Era	<b>41.6%</b>
Post-Vietnam Era	<b>56.5%</b>
<b>Received friendly or hostile fire in a combat zone</b>	<b>15.7%</b>
<b>POW</b>	<b>0.0%</b>

#### **RESIDENTIAL HISTORY**

<b>Length of time homeless:</b>	
At risk for homelessness	<b>5.6%</b>
< 1 month	<b>18.0%</b>
1 - 6 months	<b>39.6%</b>
6 months < 1 year	<b>15.3%</b>
1 year < 2 years	<b>8.4%</b>
2 years or more	<b>12.9%</b>
Unknown	<b>0.2%</b>
<b>Spent at least one night outdoors or in a shelter during the 30 days prior to admission</b>	<b>51.7%</b>
<b>Where veteran usually slept during the 30 days prior to admission</b>	
shelter/outdoors	<b>29.8%</b>
intermittently with family	<b>22.9%</b>
institution	<b>29.5%</b>
residential program tx program	<b>6.2%</b>
own apartment	<b>9.3%</b>
other	<b>2.4%</b>

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### ADMISSION CHARACTERISTICS

#### SELF-REPORTED HEALTH HISTORY

<b>Veteran perceives s/he has:</b>	
serious medical problem	<b>48.4%</b>
alcohol problem	<b>41.5%</b>
alcohol problem past	<b>75.3%</b>
drug problem	<b>38.6%</b>
drug problem past	<b>68.4%</b>
emotional problem now	<b>54.5%</b>
<b>Ever hospitalized for:</b>	
alcoholism	<b>65.1%</b>
drug dependency	<b>61.8%</b>
psychiatric problem	<b>36.3%</b>
<b>Prior admission to a domiciliary?</b>	<b>39.8%</b>
<b>Used VA medical/psychiatric services during the six months prior to admission</b>	<b>76.1%</b>

#### EMPLOYMENT AND INCOME HISTORIES

<b>Days worked for pay during month prior to admission:</b>	
none	<b>86.7%</b>
1-19 days	<b>10.1%</b>
> 19 days	<b>3.1%</b>
<b>Usual employment pattern during three years prior to admission:</b>	
full-time	<b>46.1%</b>
part-time regular	<b>7.7%</b>
part-time irregular/day work	<b>17.7%</b>
unemployed	<b>16.0%</b>
retired/disabled	<b>11.8%</b>
student	<b>0.4%</b>
service	<b>0.4%</b>
<b>Income received in the 30 days prior to admission:</b>	
No income received	<b>52.3%</b>
\$1 - \$49	<b>6.0%</b>
\$50 - \$99	<b>4.6%</b>
\$100 - \$499	<b>16.2%</b>
\$500 - \$999	<b>13.1%</b>
More than \$1000	<b>7.8%</b>

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<b>DISCHARGE STATUS</b>	
<b>DIAGNOSES</b>	
<b>Psychiatric Diagnoses:</b>	
Alcohol dependency/abuse	<b>78.7%</b>
Drug dependency abuse	<b>69.6%</b>
Schizophrenia	<b>2.5%</b>
Other psychotic disorder	<b>2.7%</b>
Anxiety disorder	<b>11.1%</b>
Organic Brain Syndrome	<b>1.5%</b>
Affective disorder	<b>32.7%</b>
Bipolar disorder	<b>9.5%</b>
Adjustment disorder	<b>12.4%</b>
PTSD from combat	<b>9.1%</b>
Personality disorder	<b>12.9%</b>
Other psychiatric disorder	<b>12.4%</b>
<b>Serious mental illness†</b>	<b>49.1%</b>
<b>Dually diagnosed††</b>	<b>45.3%</b>
<b>Selected Medical Diagnoses:</b>	
Oral/dental pathology	<b>26.4%</b>
Eye disorder	<b>7.3%</b>
Hypertension	<b>26.0%</b>
Peripheral vascular disease	<b>2.4%</b>
Cardiac disease	<b>7.1%</b>
COPD	<b>7.3%</b>
Tuberculosis	<b>2.6%</b>
Gastrointestinal disease	<b>15.9%</b>
Liver disease	<b>20.2%</b>
Diabetes	<b>9.1%</b>
Seizure disorder	<b>3.3%</b>
Dementia	<b>0.2%</b>
Other Neurological Disease	<b>2.4%</b>
Anemia	<b>3.3%</b>
Orthopedic problems	<b>33.9%</b>
Malignancy	<b>2.2%</b>
Significant Skin Disorder	<b>7.1%</b>
Sexually Transmitted Disease	<b>2.5%</b>
Significant Trauma	<b>2.0%</b>
Other medical diagnosis	<b>49.3%</b>

†Serious mental illness is defined as having a psychiatric diagnosis that falls into one of the following categories: schizophrenia; other psychotic disorder; mood disorders; and PTSD.

††Dually diagnosed is defined as having a substance abuse disorder and a serious mental illness.

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### DISCHARGE STATUS

<b>Length of Stay (days)</b>	
Mean	<b>111.6</b>
S.D.	<b>77.7</b>
<b>Length of Stay</b>	
< 8 days	<b>3.3%</b>
8-28 days	<b>9.6%</b>
29-60 days	<b>14.7%</b>
61-90 days	<b>16.0%</b>
91-180 days	<b>40.2%</b>
> 180 days	<b>16.2%</b>
<b>Disposition at discharge</b>	
Successfully completed <b>all</b> components	<b>46.6%</b>
Successfully completed <b>some</b> components	<b>21.5%</b>
Asked to leave	<b>13.1%</b>
Left by choice	<b>12.8%</b>
Transferred to other tx program	<b>3.6%</b>
Incarcerated	<b>0.2%</b>
Other	<b>2.2%</b>
<b>Veteran's overall participation</b>	
Did not participate actively	<b>2.2%</b>
Severe psychiatric problems impeded participation	<b>1.5%</b>
Substance abuse behavior impeded participation	<b>7.7%</b>
Severe medical problems impeded participation	<b>1.3%</b>
Undermined his/her own efforts	<b>16.9%</b>
Made use of program	<b>28.1%</b>
Made optimal use of program	<b>41.3%</b>
Other	<b>1.1%</b>
<b>Living situation at discharge</b>	
Shelter/outdoors	<b>5.3%</b>
HWH/transitional program	<b>11.5%</b>
Institution	<b>4.4%</b>
Own apartment or room	<b>42.9%</b>
Apartment of family or friend	<b>21.3%</b>
Left without indicating	<b>10.9%</b>
Another domiciliary program	<b>2.4%</b>
Other	<b>1.5%</b>

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### **DISCHARGE STATUS**

<b>Employment situation at discharge</b>	
Disabled/retired	<b>17.5%</b>
Unemployed	<b>18.4%</b>
Part-time employment	<b>4.0%</b>
Full-time employment	<b>38.9%</b>
Vocational training	<b>1.8%</b>
VA's IWT/CWT	<b>8.0%</b>
Student	<b>0.5%</b>
Other	<b>2.7%</b>
Employment status unknown	<b>8.0%</b>

### **CLINICAL IMPROVEMENT DURING DCHV STAY†††**

Personal hygiene	<b>87.4%</b>
Alcohol problems	<b>89.5%</b>
Drug problems	<b>87.3%</b>
Psychotic symptoms	<b>66.7%</b>
Mental health problems††††	<b>85.2%</b>
Medical problems	<b>90.9%</b>
Relationships with family/friends	<b>80.9%</b>
Employment/vocational situation	<b>68.2%</b>
Housing situation	<b>80.5%</b>
Financial status	<b>77.2%</b>

††† Improvement is noted for only those veterans with problems in that area.

†††† Mental health problems other than psychosis.